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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE
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In re Application of
KABLOV ET AL

: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR
PRODUCING DIRECTIONALLY
SOLIDIFIED CASTINGS

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

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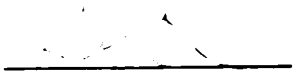
Page 1, before the first line of the text insert: — This is a continuation application
of International Application No. PCT/US98/19021 filed September 14, 1998. —

REMARKS

The Utility Application Transmittal Letter accompanying the entry into the
US national stage request that the filing be considered in accordance with 35
USC 111(a) and 37 CFR 1.53(b) and 35 USC 371. The application is amended
to recite the continuation status of the application and thereby the date accorded
to the application for 35 USC 102(e) is the International Filing Date.

A certified copy of the priority Russian Federation Application No.
97115515 filed September 12, 1997 is enclosed or will be submitted promptly.

Respectfully submitted,


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